(ग) से (ङ) डीजल आयात अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर स्वीकृत गुणवत्ता के अनुरूप प्रमाणित अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय आपूर्तिकताओं से किए जाते हैं। संविदागत शर्त के अन्तर्गत गुणवत्ता का सख्ती से अनुपालन करने के लिए व्यवस्था है और यह अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त स्वतंत्र निरीक्षकों द्वारा प्रमाणित की जाती है।

Petrol Pumps on the National Highways of Andhra Pradesh

1800. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps functioning on all the National and State Highways separately in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the criteria for opening of petrol pumps on National/State Highways in the country;

(c) whether Government have assessed the feasibility and requirements for further opening of petrol pumps on National/State Highways in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor in view of dense increase in traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) There are 362 and 229 retail outlets in operation on the National and State Highways respecitively in Andhra Pradesh. Oil Industry follow the "Volume-Distance" norms for setting up retail outlet dealerships on State and National Highways. The norms are as follows:

(i) The combined thruput per retail outlet within 15 KM (on either side) of the proposed retail outlet should exceed 80 Kilo litres (KL) per month.

(ii) The minimum expected sale during the second year of operation should be:

(a) In the case of—50 KL per month. Lone HSD outlet

(b) In the case of—MS -5 KL per month Combined MS/HSD outlet —HSD -50 KL per month

(c) and (d) In order to meet the increased demand, 50 more retail outlet dealerships have been included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plan 1996—98 and R.O. Supplementary Marketing Plan 1996—98 for Andhra Pradesh.

Diversified Projects by Oil Companies

1801. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IOC and ONGC propose to float diversified projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the background for floating such joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. IOC and ONGC propose to float Joint Ventures in hydrocarbon and related business in India and abroad. The strategic alliance at varioius levels of operation between the two organisations is intended to held shaping the future strategy to compete globally and at the same time ensuring optimum momentum and securing business world-wide to achieve sustained growth.

Ouster of IOC and BPCL from Petronet LNG

1802. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have ousted the Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation from Petronet LNG;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of these two Corporations in this regard?